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In re U.S. Patent Application of

NEUSS *et al.*

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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **two (2) months**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$225.00**. Applicants qualify for small entity status.

Please charge any additional fee required for this extension of time to Deposit Account 08-1480. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Also filed is *a Request for Continued Examination and a Preliminary Amendment*.

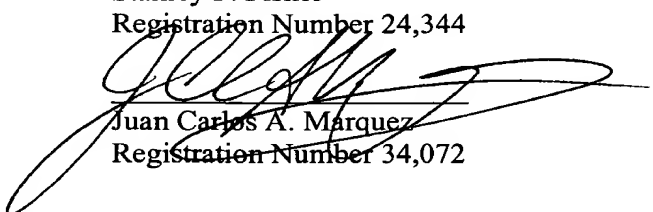
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